

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:643
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SUGAR FREE PRODUCT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scientific study of `Sugar Free` product in the country has been conducted by the Government to know if it contains any harmful contents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government where such products are found to be harmful?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Sugar free products contain artificial sweetener. The use and sale of specified artificial sweeteners is restricted in specified foods with maximum limits of their use under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, under proper labelling. Violation of provisions of the PFA Rules, 1955 attract penal provision under the PFA Act, 1954.